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In re the Application of:

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Sir:

This paper is submitted in reply to the outstanding Office Action dated August 28, 2006, the period for Response being extended one month from November 28, 2006 to December 28, 2006 by the attached Petition for Extension of Time.

Please amend the application as shown on the following pages:

Amendments to the **Claims** begin on page 2.

Arguments/Remarks begin on page 7.